

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: October 2014 -- O-200

2014 – 2015 Proposed Goals Examinations Subcommittee

1. In conjunction with Subcommittee on Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination.

December 2014 /June (preliminary) and August 2015

2. Edit and approve final versions of the essay questions and select performance test questions for administration on California Bar Examinations.

December 2014 /April 2015

3. Provide training from psychometrician on examination scaling, validity, reliability and fairness.

December 2014

4. Consider draft reports on February and July California Bar Examinations, which include analyses by psychometrician.

January 2015 /June 2015

5. Review bar examination process, including scope, format, grading and UBE, to determine whether changes to current process should be explored.

January 2015

6. In conjunction with the Subcommittee on Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California Bar Examination.

March 2015 /August 2015

7. Consider Proposed Guidelines for Generation of Examination Statistics and Statistics Provided to Law Schools.

March 2015

8. Provide training on testing accommodations process, including presentation(s) by expert consultants.

March 2015

9. Consider making decision regarding format of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination, including whether it should be all multiple-choice.

April 2015

10. Continue outreach and consider making final decision regarding format of the California Bar Examination, including whether it should be reduced from three days to two days.

Ongoing

11. Consider conducting future psychometric studies to ensure the reliability, validity and fairness of examinations administered by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

Ongoing

12. Receive reports on progress of Uniform Bar Examination.

Ongoing

13. Consider petitions seeking waivers of the Committee's examinations related policies, procedures and rules.

Monthly

14. Review appeals from applicants with disabilities who are appealing Senior Director, Admissions decisions relative to their requests for testing accommodations.

Monthly